



TEAM 19!

Supporting from the Sea to the DMZ

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**Maj. Gen.
Jeanette Edmunds**

From the CG's desk:

Soldiers, civilians, and family members of Team 19:

It is that time of season. The leaves are changing to orange and yellow, and the temperature is beginning to fall. That means Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner.

The warmth and joy of this holiday season extends beyond our home, our family, our traditions, and can be felt throughout the world. Even here, in a land far from home, the holiday season inspires us. It is the true spirit of the holiday season – that is, the spirit of selflessly giving to others – that has brought us together here to preserve America's ideals and to uphold our nation's commitments to our friends. Making sacrifices to help bring joy to others is a way of life for the soldiers, civilians and family members who serve with Team 19 on freedom's frontier.

At times, it is difficult to know whether these sacrifices are understood and appreciated. But I assure you that your efforts and achievements are making the difference for millions of people who are celebrating the holidays in peace.

This would not be possible for many of them without your dedicated service.

We must also take a moment during the holiday season to remember those less fortunate.

Whether it be our fellow soldiers and co-workers, family and friends who are going through difficult times, or the many people around the world who are suffering needlessly. Our prayers go out to them that the New Year may bring a better life.

I wish all of you a wonderful holiday season, and thank you for your dedication and hard work throughout the year. We hope you have an enjoyable and safe holiday!

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**Command Sgt. Maj.
Troy Welch**

From the CSM's desk:

Team 19!

We have been abundantly busy with inspections, ceremonies and VIP visits. Also, as depicted in this issue, Courageous Channel was a huge success for Team 19. As always, the 19th Theater Support Command continues to shine. Believe me when I say your efforts do not go unnoticed.

The Sergeant Major of the Army was impressed by Team 19 and was very attentive in listening to and addressing matters pertaining to duty here in the Republic of Korea.

As we head into the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, we should all reflect on our blessings and accomplishments – past, present and future. We also should remember the reasons we serve and not lose sight of our mission.

Though we don't protect and defend for honors, awards and accolades, I assure you the efforts and sacrifices you make are greatly appreciated.

Soldiers departing the peninsula headed to the United States for the holidays are reminded if they plan to take a military hop, be sure to have sufficient leave time and funds in case other means of transportation is necessary due to constantly changing flight schedules.

For those remaining in country for the Thanksgiving holiday, I encourage you to spend time with your family away from home – other soldiers, family members and civilians here. Embrace the Korean culture as well.

Soldiers are also encouraged to attend the 19th TSC Winter Formal December 14th at Camp Walker's Evergreen Club.

Holidays are a time for reflection, a time for celebration. For some, it is a time for much-deserved rest. However, we should never forget the reasons we are here. As soldiers we should not only "get ready", we should "be ready."

May each Team 19 soldier, civilian and family member have a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoy a fruitful and safe holiday season.

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—Cover photo—

2nd Lt. Joseph Kluck and Staff Sgt. Donald Hamilton, C company, 52nd Aviation Regiment, preparing a company sector sketch (Photo by Sgt. Jang, Dong-woo).

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8th U.S. Army Phillip A. Connelly Awards

Story by Pfc. Kang, Byung Sam
Eighth U.S. Army
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Unit dining facilities of the 8th U.S. Army were honored at the Phillip A. Connelly awards ceremony at U.S. Forces Korea Headquarters Oct. 2.

The winners and runners-up in the garrison categories were selected from the 50 dining facilities of the 8th U.S. Army. The competition in Korea is divided into three categories: Small dining facilities (serving 200 or less), Large dining facilities (serving 201 or more), Field food service operations which provide food service to a unit of an Active Army Division in the field).

8th U.S. Army Phillip A.

Connelly awards:

☐ Large garrison winner: Eighth U.S. Army, Wightman NCO Academy, Camp Jackson

☐ Large garrison runner-up: HHC, 2nd Aviation Brigade, 2nd Inf. Div., Camp Stanley

☐ Small garrison winner: 2nd Engineer Battalion, 2nd Inf. Div., Camp Castle

☐ Small garrison runner-up: 305th Quartermaster Company, Yongsan

☐ Field Kitchen winner: 55th MP Company, 2nd FSB, 2nd Inf. Div., Camp Page.

The winner of each category will compete at Department of the Army level, scheduled for November and December.

The Phillip A. Connelly awards program was established during 1968 to recognize excellence in

Army food service. The awards program was named for the late Phillip A. Connelly, former International Food Service Executives Association President, who worked throughout his life to promote professionalism in food service in both the civilian industry and military services. As a result of his dedicated purpose and positive influence, civilian and military food service programs are more closely aligned and personnel in these programs now have uniform goals in education, training, career development and job opportunity.

Lt. Gen. Daniel R. Zanini, commanding general, 8th U.S. Army presented the awards. "The service our military and civilian food service specialists provide goes a long way at lifting the

morale of Eighth Army soldiers and units they support," he said. "When it goes to the Army competition, we expect some great winners coming out of each and every one of you." Zanini said he was grateful for the opportunity to present such a prestigious award to the hard working soldiers and units of 8th U.S. Army.

"It was pretty tough but young soldiers are getting a lot of knowledge from it," said field kitchen winner Sgt. 1st Class William E. Love, food operations sergeant, 55th Military Police Company. "I hope I win the next level."

The 102nd Military Intelligence Battalion, 2nd Inf. Div., Camp Essayons won the 2002 Department of the Army, Phillip A. Connelly Award.

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—Notice—

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For the academic year 2002-2003, applications can be obtained at www.aerhq.org from Nov. 1, 2002 through March 3, 2003 or call your local Army Emergency Relief office.

19th Theater Support Command's Winter Formal

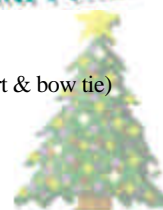
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Where: Camp Walker Evergreen Community Club

Dress: Military (Mess/Dress Blue/Class A w/white shirt & bow tie)
Civilian (Black Tie/Formal)

Cost: \$25 per person

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From dawn...

...till dusk

194th Maintenance Battalion's FTX

**Story and photos by
Sgt. Jang, Dong-woo**

The 194th Maintenance Battalion held field exercises Oct. 19 – Oct 25, about 6.2 miles east of Jang Ho Won, Chung-buk province, which is something they often do, becoming a soldiers out in the field doing what they do best: being alert for training and supporting. I had the opportunity to spend a couple of days with the 194th Maint. Bn. out in the field and experience all the sweat and mud, seeing what these excellent 19th TSC soldiers are doing.

The 194th Maint. Bn. consist of four different companies and a detachment. These are Headquarters, Headquarters Detachment, G Company, 52nd Aviation Reg., C Company 52nd Aviation Reg., 348th Quartermaster Company and 520th Maintenance Company. In this FTX, each unit has a wartime mission.

“Being a tactical unit at a theater level, field training can be somewhat frustrating to set the mindset off of the soldiers, to change the actual mentality of the soldiers to put themselves in an actual wartime situation. I think that is one of the biggest challenges, putting the soldiers mental state

in to a real alert situation. I think we’re seeing changes already. It will change more in the couple of days,” said Lt. Col. Kevin McRee, battalion commander.

From the advance party leaving early for a reconnaissance, to setting up the TOC and tents and the main party’s arrival to the field site, it took an entire day, approximately 10 hours from Camp Humphreys to the training site.

“In a big training event like this, there’s no space for taking risks, especially during a convoy. Communication during convoy is very important, and we noticed there are some difficulties in Korea to have a clear communication, due to geographical circumstances. I know some people even use cell phones instead of tactical radios. Who can guarantee that cell phones will work during a war?” said McRee.

Having had the opportunity to ride with the commander to the training site, it was definitely clear he considered communications important. His means of constant communication brought the battalion safely to the training site.

With the arrival, people moved along busily, from setting up tents, dismounting DOLLYs, to digging foxholes for guard duty. You could really sense by





Solders are practicing realtime war situations, taking hostage of an enemy force.

how quickly making things happen, these soldiers knew how to do their jobs.

During the exercise, OPFOR (Opposition Force), a group of soldiers who acts as the enemy, continuously attempted to disrupt, or to an extreme level, attack the battalion. Other roles of the OPFOR was acting as protestors outside the gate (the battalion had to handle the situation before departing for the training site), civilian journalists trying to get information on the operation and the owners of the land of the actual training site. As the S-1 staff was trying to grasp the

situation, McRee stood watching next to them, to see how they controled the situation.

“At first, soldiers were a bit slow and didn’t seem to know how to react to civilians on the battle field, but as the momentum builds up, they got very intense in dealing with the people on the battle field,” said Sgt. 1st Class Miguel Muniz, HHD first sergeant.

“Soldiers need to learn how to interact with the media. These things really do come in to the big picture in real war time. We’re constantly training with the OPFOR to get soldiers adjusted to

these civilian situations they probably won’t experience unless they’re out in the field.” said McRee.

“I think we turn out to have a high turn over, since most soldier’s tour over in Korea tends to be just one year, so once you train them, you realize they’re ready to PCS. Also training land is very limited, so it’s kind of hard to do more intense training,” said McRee.

“We can fine tune our areas we might not be very good at. Each soldier has their MOS and on a day-to-day basis, that’s what we work on, but unless you’re in an infantry unit, you really don’t get to practice

your soldier skill, such as security or first aid. I think having these opportunities to go out and practice these are very important,” said Muniz.

McRee seemed to be very proud of the soldiers. He shared his thoughts on leadership and training.

“We have great soldiers, great heart who have desire to train and love the realistic training. Leadership positions are a privilage and we owe soldiers realistic training as much as possible to prepare the soldiers on the modern day battle field. I think soldiers get a real kick out of realistic training,” said McRee.



eg. dismounting a Dolly set.



Soldiers busy setting up tents on the arrival.

23D CHEMICAL BATTALION: “MOONG CHI JA”

From Bristol, England to the Republic of Korea, an in-depth look at the 23rd Chemical Battalion.



3rd Platoon, 501st Chemical Company during a “live slurry” mission conducted with the ROK army in Kwanju.

Story by
Cpt. Charlene G. Hardeman
23rd Chem. Bn. S-1 Adjutant
Photos by
Staff Sgt. Richard Turnbow

The 23d Chemical Battalion was activated on 27 May 1944 at Bristol, England as a Smoke Generator Battalion under the 1st Army. The Battalion was inactivated on Nov. 12, 1945 in the European Theater. The Battalion was reactivated as the 4th Chemical Smoke Generator Battalion in February 1949 at the Army Chemical School.

The Battalion was re-designated as the 4th Chemical Battalion in March 1954 and moved to the Federal Republic of Germany where it was again inactivated. In 1984, the commander of the Eighth Army initiated actions to use Korean Service Personnel as a Chemical Decontamination asset in the event of war. That asset became a reality on 15 September 1988 when the 4th Chemical Battalion was reactivated as the 23d Chemical Battalion under the 20th Area Support Group of 19th Support Command. In December 1995, Eighth Army reorganized the 23rd Chemical Battalion to establish an in-theater decontamination capability.

The Battalion unit crest denotes a smoke bomb symbolizing the unit's battle history as a smoke generator battalion and is charged with a Taeguk (red/blue circular swirl behind the lion's head) to indicate service in Korea. The

four bursts of smoke symbolize the unit's four decorations awarded for service in Korea. The lion's face commemorates European campaigns and service in WW II.

The Battalion's motto “*Moong Chi Ja*” is Korean for *Together or Two Joined as One*. These words reflect the combined nation status of the 23d Chemical Battalion since its reactivation in the Republic of Korea in September 1988.

The 23d Chemical Battalion's mission is to provide chemical decontamination support. This mission is accomplished through two key tasks: 1) receive, employ, and command & control chemical augmentation units and 2) on order, provide NBC decontamination to other United Nations Command (UNC) and Combined Forces Command (CFC) units.

The Battalion is geographically separated by more than 300 km from Wonju in the north to Pusan in the south. The Battalion HQ and two line companies (the 501 and 267 Chemical Companies) are located at Camp Carroll in the city of Waegwan which is approximately 30

miles north of Taegu. The 62 Chemical Company is located the farthest north at Camp Long in the city of Wonju and the 61 Chemical Company is the farthest south at Camp Hialeah in the city of Pusan.

The 23d Chemical Battalion is unique in its composition from any other unit in the peninsula in many different ways. Not only is it the only large scale U.S. Decontamination battalion, but it accomplishes this mission with 75% of its manpower coming from Korean Augmentation to the United States Army (KATUSA) soldiers. We activated our own Decontamination Training Academy-Korea (DTA-K) to train and to rapidly integrate KATUSA soldiers assigned to line companies. The DTA-K program of instruction is based on and similar to the Advanced Individual Training for the 54B (NBC specialist). DTA-K



Decontamination training exercise in process.

trains more than 140 KATUSAs each year.

During the last week of September, the 501st Chemical Company completed an EXEVAL (external evaluation), which included a total of 10-12 terrain and fixed-site decontamination missions coordinated with various units/locations across the battalion's area of operations (Camp Carroll, Camp Humphreys, Camp Long). Every company, including the Battalion Headquarters, undergoes an EXEVAL annually. The intent is to give the commander an overview of our readiness. The battalion has a unique opportunity to train and to practice critical decontamination skills on the actual ground that we would support in a wartime environment. Whenever possible, joint training missions with the Republic of Korea (ROK) Army at various ROK installations is implemented into the training plan. The Battalion headquarters' first EXEVAL was November 2001 and looking forward to the second iteration in March 2003.

The 501st EXEVAL included the opportunity to spray "live" decontaminates at the ROK Chemical School in Kwangju.

This mission validated new Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures (TTPs) for the M12A1 Decontamination Apparatus being developed by the 267 Chemical Company.

These new TTPs will be included in the transformation of the Battalion from the dated M900 series truck to the new Medium Tactical Vehicle (MTV). This transformation began in April 2002 with the 61 Chemical Company and will be complete in November 2002 with the 501 Chemical Company.

Soldiers in the 23d Chemical Battalion in the grade of E7 and above are afforded the opportunity to become "leader certified". Leaders must show proficiency in tasks such as Operations Orders (OPORDs), communication skills, maintenance procedures on all assigned equipment, and all 13 critical NBC tasks. These tasks are validated quarterly, culminating with a final induction ceremony on the top of Hill 303 (a significant historic site from the Korean War).

To provide a break from the rigors of daily operations, a Tae-Kwon-Do black belt program is now available to every soldier in

the battalion. The instructor, Grand-Master Ahn, volunteers to teach soldiers twice a week at the battalion headquarters. Since the program began in August 2002, there are four blue belts, five yellow belts, and four white belts.

wartime stocks, they will support the battalion mission by assisting in conducting joint/combined decontamination missions with ROK forces.

The battalion is proud to host the first ever Chemical Ball in



The battalion had the opportunity to use real decontaminates during training missions.

The battalion anticipates at least nine soldiers to qualify for the black belt in Spring 2003.

The Battalion EXEVAL will occur in March 2003. RSO&I '03 will mark the second time that the battalion receives a reserve chemical company (-) from CONUS and integrates them into the current battle rhythm. Once this unit falls in on pre-positioned

Korea on 15 February 2003. The event will take place on Camp Walker and will afford the opportunity for all "dragon" soldiers across the peninsula to relax and to reflect on the great heritage of the Chemical Corps. Lt. Col. William Barnett IV, the 23d Chemical Battalion Commander, will be the host for the evening.

Joint decontamination training during the "live slurry" mission conducted with the ROK army in Kwangju.



A look back at noncombatant evacuation operations: The 2002 Courageous Channel

Story by

Master Sgt. Anthony L. Reed

Photos & graphic layout by
Sgt(P). William C. Montoya

Courageous Channel is an exercise which tests the Noncombatant Evacuation Operations procedures used to safely and swiftly register and relocate Department of Defense-affiliated noncombatants.

Courageous Channel '02 pushed for 100 percent participation of all DoD noncombatants. In following the NEO plan, timely and accurate dissemination of information was distributed to noncombatants.

There were 14 Evacuation Control Centers throughout the peninsula that accounted for all noncombatants, including pet registrations. The total number was estimated at 10,300. Area I accounted for 1,400; Area II had the largest population with 5,800; Area III accounted for

1,200; and Area IV had 1,900.

At the ECC Processing sites, participants:

- ☐ Were screened through a Search Station
- ☐ Received a standardized briefing in Hangul and English
- ☐ Had their NEO packets spot-checked
- ☐ Were privy to administrative stations (i.e. legal, finance, chaplain, etc.)
- ☐ Placed Privately Owned Vehicles in a holding area
- ☐ Registered their pets and placed them in a holding area
- ☐ Went through a medical screening area

During the exercise, many areas were responsible for special events. Camps Page, Red

Cloud, Howze, Casey, Area II, Daegu and Pusan conducted searches of persons and personal baggage, identified contraband and detained security threats. Camps Red Cloud and Casey provided limited veterinary medical operations. Camp Humphries processed excess baggage. Taegu and Pusan provided ground ambulance evacuation services.

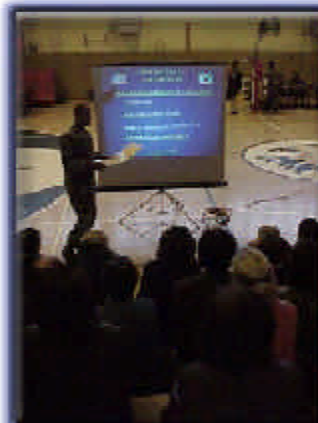
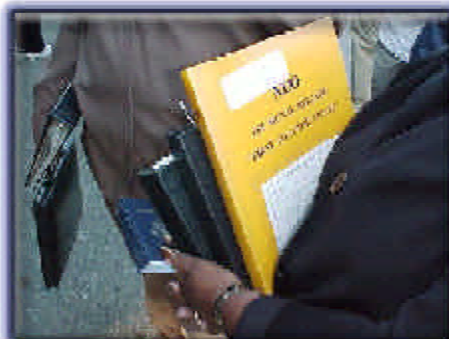
"I feel very confident that if we ever had to be evacuated, we would be in good hands," said Tia Ilori, a Daegu-area family member. "Some people looked at it (Courageous Channel '02) as a hassle, but with times being like they are in the world, one can never be too careful."

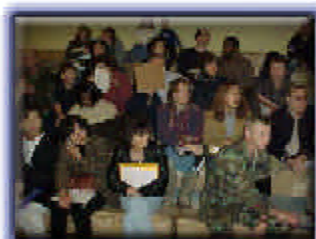
(Additional information provided by the 19th Theater Support Command's Support Operations.)



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Photos and design by: Sgt(P) William C. Montoya





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COEX: From business to shopping and entertainment

**Story and photos by
Sgt. Jang, Dong-woo**

Korea is, and will continue to be a greater part of the world economy in the 21st century. Right in the heart of the Gang-nam (literally meaning "south of the river"), where Korea's major business operations take place, lies the COEX Center. The COEX can be described as the heart of Korea's international business trading transaction, not to mention one of the best places in Asia to shop and enjoy.

COEX is part of a multi-faceted complete complex, which includes the Korea World Trade Tower that stands right next to it. The name COEX, stands for "Convention and Exhibition Center". The enormous, future-oriented convention center holds a number of conventions and exhibitions every year. Whenever you go to COEX, you will find out there are always some kind of an exhibition or a convention happening. Also the press center for foreign media during the 2002 FIFA World Cup games was located at the COEX center.

The COEX features 12 first-class exhibition halls, a convention hall, which can accommodate up to 7,000 and 61 meeting rooms. Equipped with state-of-the-art facilities for transportation, communication,

and business transactions, essential requirements for successful global business.

Other support facilities of the complex include the City Air Terminal, the grand underground COEX mall and Hyundai Department Store, which can satisfy any shopping needs of visitors; and the deluxe Intercontinental Hotel and family-oriented Oakwood Premier Hotel.

The Convention Center, Intercontinental Hotel, and City Air Terminal are all joined on the basement level by the 118,800-square meter shopping mall, Asia's largest underground shopping mall, which is packed with stores, restaurants and entertainment facilities, such as the nation's largest thematic aquarium and Asia's largest multi-theater complex, with 17 screens and 4,336 seats, and three large food courts, with each of it's distinct atmosphere and taste.

The COEX center is very accessible through public transportation, which is recommended due to the all-time heavy traffic around the area. Get on Line 2 of the Seoul Subway and get off Samseong Station. It is very easy to find the directions, since the COEX center is connected right with the subway station via-underground.

Call 02-6000-0114 to get more information on the COEX Center.

COEX is part of a multi-faceted complete complex, which includes the Korea World Trade Tower that stands right next to it.



COEX center is Asia's largest underground



The COEX center has asia's largest multi-theater complex, with 17 screens

20th Area Support Group dining facility win CG's Best Dining Facility award

Story by Pfc. Kim, Yoon-il
Photos by Spc. Angel Jackson

On Oct. 16, the 20th Area Support Group Dining Facility won the CG's Best Dining Facility Award for 4th Quarter, Fiscal Year 2002. The 19th Theater Support Command Food Service evaluated one dining facility recommended by each area's respective Food Advisor to select the winner. Competing against four other top dining facilities, the 20th Support Group took the honorable award. The 20th ASG Dining Facility will receive a plaque and each staff member of the facility will receive a Certificate of Achievement for the military personnel and a Certificate of Appreciation for all Korean national workers working at the dining facility.

"It took a lot of teamwork. It wasn't a one-person achievement. Without everyone helping out on either cleaning the dining facility or making sure the food gets prepared on time, everyone had to be on the same page. We were inspired by the previous awards we have received and we just wanted to keep up the good work," said Staff Sgt. Darlene D. Hall, noncommissioned officer-in-charge.

"The award meant a lot to the soldiers who are working here. You don't know who to trust these days but the workers here really showed what trust is to one another. The teamwork here at Camp Henry Dining Facility is amazing. We work wonderfully as a team. Individual actions did not get in the way of the team getting the work done," said Pfc. Keith D. Dailey.

"Most of us even worked on our free times and weekends as well. We only had a weeks



Sgt. Glenda Anquiano, waiting for the soldiers to pass to fill up the bowls.

notice to get ready for everything. I'm just glad about the outcome since we put in a lot of effort to win this award," said Pvt. Sophia Cumbee.

Staff Sgt. Hall added, "The official notice that we received was about a week. However, if you want to be motivated to make a true dining facility, you really don't need time to prepare. You should always be at your best for the food to your service."

The soldiers working at the 20th ASG Dining Facility were grateful toward the Korean national

employees who helped them in the preparations as well as teach them what needs to be done. Most of the Korean national employees have worked at the dining facility for more than 20 years.

"We've been awarded so many times I really don't remember how many awards our dining facility has won. We have six Korean national employees working here and they all have different parts they must complete within days. For example, I make about three to six dishes each day and must make sure the kitchen is running smoothly as well, since I am the supervisor," said Tae, To man, supervisor of the Korean national workers. He also mentioned, "Most the workers and myself have worked with U.S. soldiers for a long time. They have been very cooperative in making sure the work gets done. This new team who came in is great as a whole."

"The food has changed a lot ever since I came here. It's getting better and better as time goes by and I hope that they keep up the good work," said Sgt. Lee, Won-chae, HHC, 19th TSC



Sgt. Prentice Harris and Pvt. Sophia Cumbee serving meals to soldiers.



2002 Korea's presidential election firing up

Story by
Sgt. Song, Jung-bum

The year 2002 has been a busy year for Korea, with the FIFA World Cup and the Busan Asian Games held on the same year, but the year isn't just about to end. As the days get colder, the Republic of Korea will be getting closer to having its 16th Presidential Election, the first

presidential election of the 21st century on December 19. Although U.S. soldiers don't have a voting right, here is some basic information on the major candidates that will run for the presidency.

(Editor's note: Please take in mind that there is no significance in the order these candidates are presented in this article.)



**Chung, Mong-jun of the
Kook min tong hab 21**

"I decided to run in the presidential election to devote myself to reforming politics".

Chung Mong-joon, 50, said with throwing his hat in presidential ring on September 18.

He is the sixth son to the late business tycoon Chung Ju-yung, who founded the Hyundai Group and ran unsuccessfully in the 1992 presidential election.

His father, who died at the age of 86 last year, is widely known for his contribution to the nation's economic development from the ashes of the Korean War and for kicking off tours to North Korea's Mt. Geumgang; a symbol of the inter-Korean reconciliation process.

As one of the heirs to his father's business empire, Chung ranks among the richest men in

Korea.

He is the majority shareholder of the Hyundai Heavy Industries Co. (HHI), the world's largest shipbuilder, with an 11 percent stake.

He headed the company for about 10 years from 1982 and now serves as an adviser.

Born in Busan in 1951, Chung majored in economics at Seoul National University. During his school days, he is said to have been a versatile athlete, winning national competitions in such sports as horseracing and alpine skiing.

A fourth-term independent lawmaker, Chung did further studies in the U.S with obtaining a master's degree in international economics and finance from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a doctorate in international relations from Johns Hopkins University.

As a head of the Korean Football Association and a vice president of FIFA, he led South Korea's co-hosting of the 2002 World Cup, in which the Korean National Team made the final four, the best performance ever by any Asian country.

The soccer tournament boosted Chung's popularity.

The December election will be Lee, Hoi-chang's second bid for the presidency. President Kim, Dae-jung defeated him in the 1997 election by a narrow margin. Despite the loss, Lee has succeeded in holding a firm grip on Grand National Party (GNP).

The GNP selected Lee to its presidential candidate through 11 primaries from April 13-May 9. Lee won a landslide victory in the four-men competition.

The presidential hopeful stresses the need for the continued presence of the U.S. military forces in South Korea.

Lee has criticized the Kim administration's "sunshine policy" of engaging North Korea for giving too much financial assistance to Pyongyang, without getting enough in return. He has reiterated the



**Lee, Hoi-chang of the
Grand National Party**

government's North Korea policy should be based on the principles of reciprocity and verification.

Born in 1935, Lee, a former Supreme Court chief justice and Prime Minister, majored in law at Seoul National University.



**Roh, Moo-hyun of the
Millennium Democratic Party**

Roh Moo-hyun, a 56 year old presidential candidate of the ruling Millennium Democratic Party (MDP), had been serving as a human rights lawyer.

He was not able to go college due to poverty. Actually, Roh couldn't afford to a college education after finishing high school, but taught himself to pass the nation's notoriously difficult bar exam.

Roh, whose political base is in

Busan, was the surprise winner of the MDP's presidential primaries which were held during March 9-April 27. Roh swept 11 out of 16 primaries, including all three in-house elections in the Jeolla provinces.

Pollsters attribute Roh's surprise victory to his upright, wholesome image, while Lee of the GNP was hit hard by the controversy surrounding his "luxurious" residence and reformists' attacks on what they called his authoritarian leadership.

However his approval rating, which once soared up to 60 percent, drastically plunged, mainly due to a spate of corruption scandals that involved President Kim Dae-jung's sons and partly due to his own mistakes.

Roh is making a second attempt to win back the public support, calming down his party's internal feud on his candidacy.

Contrary to Lee, Hoi-chang's North Korea policy similar to the Bush administration's hard-line stance, Roh has vowed to uphold President Kim's sunshine policy.

2002 Korean Presidential elections heating up, who will be in the Chong-Wa-Dae (Blue Roof House) for the next four years?

The Posco building, Seoul(Photo by Sgt. Jang, Dong-woo).

